

Nixon Visits Torrance



FAMOUS VISITOR — Richard M. Nixon, Republican candidate for governor of California, yesterday afternoon met prominent Torrance area figures at a house party in the Rolling Hills home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drown. Press conference at the meeting was preliminary to last night's appearance at South High School. Here Nixon and Drown discuss basic political issues at stake in the June primaries. (Press Photo)

Richard M. Nixon, Republican candidate for governor of California, spoke to a standing-room-only audience of more than 800 local residents in South High auditorium last night.

Nixon's appearance was part of a state-wide tour in preparation for the June 5 primary election. The candidate will oppose Republican Joe Shell to see which will represent the GOP on the November ballot.

Commenting upon the qualifications of his Republican opponent, Nixon stated that Shell was a "fine man" but that he would oppose him vigorously in seeking the June nomination.

Comments concerning the administration of Governor Edmund

G. "Pat" Brown, however, were not so kind.

Nixon scored spending policies of the present administration and pointed out that Brown, although a former state attorney general, was not backing law enforcement agencies within his own state.

In a question-and-answer period following the address the candidate was asked his opinion of right-to-work legislation.

Noting that he helped draft the Taft-Hartley Act, now a part of the law governing the activities of labor organizations, Nixon stressed that this law was sufficient to guarantee the rights of the worker and the employer alike.

On his whirlwind tour of the Southland, Nixon has kept an exciting speaking schedule in several Torrance area cities.



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BURNED INFANT DIES

Hurt in Crib Fire, Baby Loses Fight

Torrance tot, hospitalized for four days after receiving severe burns in a crib fire, died Monday afternoon in a Los Angeles hospital.

Laura Clapham, nine months old, of 4410 Paseo de las Tortugas, was the daughter of Janet Clapham of the same address.

Investigating officers conjectured that the fire started from a burning cigarette which the child's mother had left in the room. Mrs. Clapham reported that she had been smoking in the room before the fire started. Firemen indicated that a burning window shade or curtain had fallen into the crib with the infant.

Mother of the child said that she had snubbed the cigarette in an ashtray and had left the room for a moment. She said that she left her three-year-old daughter in the room with the infant.



UP AND OVER—Ada Castley Lokey, 36, of 19126 Inglewood Ave., was injured last weekend when her car overturned at the corner of 190th and Crenshaw. Investigating officers said

that Mrs. Lokey apparently lost control on the rain-slicked street, hit a dirt bank and overturned. She was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment.

'Strictly for the Birds' . . . Rare Pets Stolen in Burglary of Waveria Shop

The Sunday robbery of a Torrance pet shop was "strictly for the birds" — twelve of them, to the exact worth \$3,663.

According to owner Robert L. Busenbark, the twelve rare birds, a cage and money from vending machines, were discovered missing at Palos Verdes Bird Farm, 4146 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance, Sunday morning.

Reported missing were a white cockatoo, valued at \$1,500; two ring-necked parakeets, worth \$98; three Blue Mountain lorries at \$125 apiece; two pink-breasted cockatoos, worth \$1,000 and

two red-rumped parakeets, valued at \$65.

Discovery of the burglary was made by Lonnie Moon, a janitor, when he arrived at the store. Busenbark said the theft must have oc-

curred between 7 p.m. Saturday and 6 a.m. Sunday.

Investigating officers said that the burglars apparently entered the pet shop by climbing a fence, and cutting through several screens.

School Board Member Advocates Direct Aid From Taxpayers

A plan that would allow local taxpayers to send a check directly to the school district and then discount the money from their income taxes, was advocated Monday night by Bert Lynn, member of the Torrance school board.

Lynn said that a portion of the money paid in income

taxes eventually found its way back to the district.

"By the time it gets back, however," he said, "about half of it has been 'gobbled up by the bureaucracy.' By mailing it directly to the district we could 'do away with the middleman' and the taxpayer would get full value for his tax dollar."

Cost of administering the funds takes the largest share of taxes before it is returned to the local level, Lynn contends.

"It has been reported that I am opposed to federal aid to education. This is certainly not true. I fully recognize the need for federal spending in critical areas. I do feel that this method would be more efficient and would gain a greater return for the tax dollar."

Bureau of Internal Revenue has made no comment on the plan thus far.

Next Meeting

Next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, March 28, at 8 p.m.

Chamber Will Host President of New Area State College Tuesday

Next Tuesday morning, members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and their guests will hear first-hand about the plans for the new South Bay State College to be constructed soon in this area.

Dr. Leo F. Cain, newly appointed president of the College, will be the speaker at the regular monthly breakfast meeting to be held at The International House of Pancakes, 21710 Hawthorne Blvd. Serving begins at 7:20 a.m., the meeting is adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Members are urged to call in their reservations early to the Chamber of Commerce office, FAirfax 8-2814. Co-chairmen for the meeting will be Dr. Stuart Marsee, president of El Camino Col-



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lege; and Alfred Ucci, vice president and managing director of the Plush Horse Inn.

Councilmen May Seek Assembly Nod at Primaries

Nomination papers for the 67th Assembly District post on the democratic ballot in the June 5 primary have been taken out by Torrance councilman Nickolas Drale.

At present, the post is held by Assemblyman Clayton Dills of Gardena, also a Democrat, who will seek reelection.

Torrance councilman had previously indicated that he might run for another office in the Democratic primary.

Drale, a realtor, had no comment to make.

Two Torrance Teenagers Booked For Tearing Down Campaign Signs

Conducting a "clean-up" campaign of their own, two Torrance youths were arrested Sunday after admitting to police that they had destroyed over fifty campaign posters.

The arrest of Douglas C. Abbott, 18, of 3814 W. 185th St., and Dale E. White, 18, of 3415 W. 188th St., took place near a vacant lot at Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson St. at approximately 2 a.m. A fifteen-year-old boy found with the pair was released to juvenile authorities.

Abbott was spotted by Torrance police as he ran across the field with a sign. Further investigation showed that the youths had several signs in the back seat of a car driven by White.

According to police, the

duo admitted tearing down 39 signs at Hawthorne Blvd. and Carson St., six at 174th St. and Arlington Ave., four at Yukon Ave. and 182nd St., a "no dumping" sign from a lot, and another sign from a rest home.

"I got sick and tired of seeing signs cluttering up all the streets" Abbott told police when apprehended.

Police officials said 523 signs of one city council candidate have been reported torn down within the past week.

Hear Candidates

Torrance Civitan Club last night heard candidates for election of city offices, it was reported by program chairman Dr. A. A. Rauch. Meeting was held at the Jump 'N Jack.

Pioneer Torrance Industrialist Dies Of Heart Attack in San Francisco Hotel

A pioneer Torrance businessman was found dead Monday in a San Francisco hotel room.

R. I. Plomert, Jr., 54, industrial manager for the Mobil Oil Co., had stopped in San Francisco en route to Seattle for a business appointment.

Cause of death was tentatively believed to have been a heart attack.

Plomert was a past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, past president of the advisory board of Little Company of Mary Hospital, a member of the Torrance Rotary Club and a member of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee.

Exceptionally active in Torrance civic affairs Plomert was considered one of the key industrial figures in the Torrance area.

Only two weeks ago he had accepted an assignment with the Chamber to take part in the activities of the Industrial Development Committee.

Plomert, and his widow, Ellen, made their home in Los Angeles.

Three Robbery Suspects Booked

A trio of Torrance area men were taken into custody last week following the midweek robbery of a Wilmington gas station.

Booked by Sheriff's deputies were Jerry W. Evans, 21, 21818 Halldale, Richard A. Quinn, 21, 5019 Marion Ave., and Neil R. Schroeder, 19, 4905 Marion Ave.

Trio were arrested by Torrance police and turned over to the deputies.



LOCAL FIGURE DIES — R. I. Plomert Jr., 54, pioneer Torrance businessman, was found dead Monday of a suspected heart attack in a San Francisco hotel room. A key figure in the fight to promote industrial expansion in Torrance, Plomert was a former president of the local Chamber of Commerce and of the advisory board of Little Company of Mary Hospital.



HARD AT WORK — Members of the Downtown Torrance Redevelopment Committee met Monday afternoon at city hall to outline plans for revitalizing commercial hub of the community. Shown poring over plans are W. H. Tolson, chairman of the group; Wade

Peebles, city manager Jack Schlango, Abe Robinson, Sam Levy and George Binder. Organization is scheduled regular meetings to study problems of the downtown area.

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